ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes December 5, 2012

Attendance/Location

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held at the Hood Bldg. Members present: Ms. Lee Cole (ADA Council Chairperson, Ward 2); Rev. Sam Gleese (City ADA Coordinator); Mr. Theo Letman (JATRAN's General Manager); Mr. Dewayne Cheatham, (JATRAN's Head of Operations); Dr. Scott Crawford, (Ward 7); Ms. Lynn Hill, (Ward 1); Ms. Karen Robinson (Ward 6); Ms. Ollie Lester, (Addie McBryde Center); Mr. Rick Seavey (JPD); Mr. Jason Bunch, (Ward 4); Ms. Jan Hawthorne, (MS School for the Blind); Ms. Shellie Zeigler, (MS Library for the Blind); Mr. Wil Bingley, Ms. Evelyn Pittman, (City of Jackson Planning & Development/Transit Services); Mr. Carl Allen, (Deputy Director of Planning & Development); Ms. Jean McKinney; and Ms. Dianna Davis, (City of Jackson Human & Cultural Division).

Call to Order

- I. Chairperson Cole called the meeting of the ADA Advisory Council to order at 1:09 p.m.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves. Minutes of the November Advisory Council were read by Ollie Lester.

Approval of Minutes

III. Motion to adopt the minutes with amendments made by Hawthorne, 2nd by Robinson, Minutes were approved.

Updates

- IV. *Mr. Gleese:* We want to reflect on some of the activities of this year: the taxi companies applied for a fare increase and got it, they received sensitivity training and Veteran's Cab have two accessible cars. Lester observed that there are no lights on top of the cabs at night. Mr. Allen & Ms. Pittman agreed that Transit along with other City staffers including the Police Dept. oversee the taxi ordinance. Ms. Pittman will research when taxi service meets. Mr. Allen reported that Councilman Lumumba is Chair of the Transportation Committee and they hold regular meetings. Ms. Cole wants to keep the Taxi Cab Accessibility issue on the agenda for future discussion and updates. We are still awaiting the Red Cross report on Senior Centers as emergency shelters. We do know that the centers are accessible. The ADA training of City employees is ongoing. The transition Plan is in the works. Handilift purchased two buses. The Santa express is operational for December 8, 15, 22 and 24. Fliers should be on the buses directing persons to call Mr. Gleese's office. Murrah has painted the accessibility lines in their parking lot. They are working to put a ramp in the front of the building.
- V. *Ms. Hawthorne:* There was an article in the Clarion-Ledger after the election about the voting machines. They are not fully operational and should be replaced. The Secretary of State's office recommended a machine that is used by 76 Counties in Mississippi. The next action should come from the Board of Supervisors which hopefully will take place before the 2013 election.

The Transition Plan

VI. *Mr. Seavey:* The Police Dept. is responsible for inspection of taxi cabs and making sure they are in compliance with City ordinance. They do have to have lights on top indicating a taxi but they do not have to be on at any time. The JPD completed their self-evaluation and answered specific questions. JPD is compliant with the City's building codes and ADA requirements for employees and the public. The officers have been trained to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. As the City's communication system progresses, there is a nationwide service called "Next Generation 911" which will allow the use of text messaging to communicate with the hearing impaired in the future.

Presentation

Danna with the Brain Injury Association: We've been working with the City Council of Jackson to pass an ordinance to prevent brain and spinal cord injury. It would require the citizens of Jackson to wear a helmet when riding a bike on public or private land. Once a person sustain a brain injury, there is no cure. We want you to contact the council in support of this ordinance. Hinds County is #1 in the state for numbers of brain injuries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the 1st floor conference room of the Hood Bldg.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ms. Ollie Lester and approved at the January 9, 2013, monthly meeting.